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Immigration Ministry

Annual Review 2017

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HOPE



# “I was a stranger and you welcomed me. . .”

—Matthew 25:35

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This report provides an overview of our ministry during fiscal year 2017 (July 2016-June 2017).

Friends,

This has been a difficult year for the immigrant community because of the increase of anti-immigrant sentiment and the continuous threats and implementation of deportation under the new administration. However, the scripture says: *“The light shines more in the darkness.”*

I witnessed the first light when our immigrant social ministry, *Pastoral Migratoria*, coordinated Peace Circles in over 88 parishes. This allowed over 6,000 immigrants to share their challenges, fears, and hopes in a safe and trusting environment, affirming that we are together no matter what, and that our God of compassion is at our side.

The second light was when *Pastoral Migratoria* gained national attention after being featured at several justice conferences. We are currently launching our ministry in California, and we have been meeting with dioceses in Michigan and Missouri who have expressed interest.

These gifts remind me how our ministry started almost 10 years ago when it rose out of the ashes of Congress’s failed immigration reform in 2007, and how it was founded in the *Aparecida* document (whose main architect was Pope Francis when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires.)

We are blessed with Cardinal Blase Cupich’s prophetic voice to shower us in the desert. His continuous presence, and the faithful support of our partners and donors like you, have been like a healing oil—a beautiful offering to treat the wounds on the journey for immigrant justice.

Our God of justice is vividly present in the darkness as we begin our ministry’s 10th anniversary. **Thank you for walking with us** on this long journey with your faithful prayers and generous financial contributions.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elena'.

Elena Segura



## Mission

The **Immigration Ministry** engages the Catholic community in the mission of Jesus Christ to build communion between immigrants and non-immigrants; and to welcome, empower, and promote immigrants in their formation and integration as full members of society and as people of faith in the one family of God.

## Goals

- **Educate** Catholics and the general public regarding the basic human dignity of every immigrant and the benefits of immigrants and immigration to our country.
- **Advocate** for compassionate immigration reform and for humane treatment of immigrant detainees and deportees, according to the principles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).
- **Accompany** our immigrant sisters and brothers by walking side by side on the journey for immigrant justice, empowerment, and missionary discipleship.
- **Empower** immigrants through a foundation of biblical reflection to participate in and transform their own communities through ministries of leadership formation, education, service, justice, and accompaniment to safeguard basic rights and family unity.



## Partners

### **Immigrant Social Ministries:**

#### ***Pastoral Migratoria* and Polish Social Ministry**

Over **250** lay leaders in more than **50** Hispanic and Polish parishes respond to their baptismal call to engage in service and justice actions in their parish communities.

#### **Immigration Parish Coordinators (IPC)**

Parish leaders in **124** native-born congregations work for immigrant justice by leading parish educational events, local advocacy actions, and immigrant empowerment activities, including multi-cultural efforts.

#### **Priests for Justice for Immigrants (PJI)**

Over **200** local clergy stand in solidarity with immigrants and engage in education, pastoral care, and legislative advocacy.

#### **Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI)**

Members of **54** religious orders engage in prayer and pastoral care at detention centers and support separated families, education, public witness, and legislative action.

“Migrants are persons, with their own names, stories and families. There can never be true peace as long as a single human being is violated in his or her personal identity and reduced to a mere statistic or an object of economic calculation.”

—Pope Francis, National Migration Week 2017





Pastors at an orientation meeting receive information on legal guardianship from Rebekah Azar, an attorney from Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS).

“*Pastoral Migratoria* is important because I've seen firsthand my friends —people who have been here 20, 25 years—suffer simply because they are undocumented. We need immigration justice for the hardworking, honest, and faithful people that came here for a better life—just like my parents did. People sometimes forget where their roots are, where they came from. . . we are ALL immigrants. Jesus was an immigrant and a stranger. He needed help too! I see God everywhere. . . we help Jesus and God by helping our neighbors. I believe in that and I believe in service to my fellow countrymen.”

—**Margarita**, *Pastoral Migratoria*, St. Simon the Apostle

# Educate

**124** parishes with native-born congregations received education and liturgical immigration resources monthly, including “calls to action”

**351** bulletin editors received monthly ads about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the DREAM Act, extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS), eliminating travel restrictions for refugees from Muslim countries, and other immigration justice issues

**3,000** Lenten and Advent calendars and reflection materials were shared with parishes and also distributed to our networks and collaborators by email, social media, and made available on our website

**23** pastors new to our ministry participated in a pastor’s orientation to learn about immigration rights, mental health, and the archdiocese’s guidelines for ICE agents on church premises, in collaboration with National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC), Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS), and the Consulate of Mexico

**3** Polish radio stations broadcasted information about immigration issues aided by our Polish Social Ministry leaders



During a press conference for the “Way of the Cross”, religious leaders from Priests for Justice for Immigrants (PJI) sign a commitment poster in support of immigrant justice.

“I got involved in *Pastoral Migratoria* because I am an immigrant and I had a desire to give back. . . to help strengthen all who are immigrants. I soon realized that there are many organizations behind the work for immigrant justice and this is where I saw God reflected—opening doors in so many ways. *Pastoral Migratoria* brings ALL people together, not just immigrants, but also people born in this country, creating solidarity. The truth is that unity strengthens all of us, even when there are differences that make situations difficult. . . *Pastoral Migratoria* is always walking with each and every one of us—just as God is always with us.”

—Carmen, *Pastoral Migratoria*, St. Clare de Montefalco



# Advocate

**150** people, at **7 a.m.** in **25°F** weather, participated in the **11th** annual *Posada* in the Loop, a pilgrimage with our immigrant sisters and brothers, who—just as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—are seeking legislative shelter

**800** people attended the first annual National Migration Week Mass, presided by Cardinal Cupich, organized in collaboration with the archdiocese Liturgical team; **35** countries represented; covered by **10** media outlets

**45** immigrant parishes had separate National Migration Week celebrations; services were held in English, Spanish, Polish, Lithuanian, and Czech

**45** priests, sisters, and brothers held a press conference in a joint statement on their opposition to the attacks on undocumented immigrants and refugees by the new administration; followed by the Way of the Cross; covered by **7** media outlets

**25** immigrant parishes joined in the annual Chicago May Day march with calls for justice, peace, and solidarity

**28** Pastoral Migratoria, IPC, PJI, and SBI leaders visited **5** legislators—Reps. Danny Davis, Robin Kelly, Bobby Rush, Jan Schakowsky, and Brand Schneider, in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act (DACA) and comprehensive immigration reform

**250** new voters registered and **1,000** citizenship exam forms distributed at parish summer festivals



New *Pastoral Migratoria* leaders Ricardo, Saul, Bonifacio, and Francisco at a Commissioning mass at St. John Bosco Church.

“*Pastoral Migratoria* allows me to help other immigrants move forward and live. . . as brothers and sisters. It doesn’t matter who you are or where you come from. There are immigrants from all parts of the world who are scared. . . with doubts about what is going to happen to them and their families. In the beginning it was difficult for me to understand how God is involved in this, but now, through this ministry, I see Him creating unity with faith. It allows me to say “Hi” to people, or ask them if they need information or help with a problem. I get great joy helping because before I lived seeing God only once in a while, but now I live in new perspective, and see God all the time. It’s beautiful!”

—**Rogelio**, *Pastoral Migratoria*, St. Joseph the Worker, Wheeling, IL

# Empower

**74** new leaders from **17** Hispanic parishes completed formation and **35** current leaders participated in continuous formation

**25** Hispanic parishes new to our ministry were provided support in their decision to launch *Pastoral Migratoria* after the election of a new administration

**250,000** materials were distributed by **122** Hispanic parishes and over **179** *Pastoral Migratoria* leaders about legal rights, deportation, DACA, Peace Circles, immigration fraud, emergency planning, legal service providers, mental health, workers' rights, etc.

**86** workshops given in Hispanic and Polish parishes about legal rights, DACA, DUI, immigration rights, consulate visits, driver's licenses, guardianship, dual citizenship, financial literacy, health insurance, addiction, college preparedness, CPR, domestic violence, exercise and diet, baby sitting and maid certification, etc.

**251** people helped at *Jornadas Sabatinas* (Saturday Services) in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate; **400** people helped by *Consulado Movil* (Mobile Consulates) in Mundelein and other far suburbs

**150** leaders from **24** Hispanic parishes participated in 9th annual *Pastoral Migratoria* retreat, "De la Incertidumbre a la Esperanza" ("From Uncertainty to Hope")

**74** families received free tax preparation at workshops by the Polish Social Ministry in collaboration with with the Taxpol Mt. Prospect Corp.

**15** people participated in "Expresiones de Fe y Esperanza" ("Expressions of Faith and Hope"), a *Pastoral Migratoria* writing workshop to strengthen their Catholic faith and hope for a more humane world



Men and women from St. Rita of Cascia Parish gather in a safe and welcoming space to share their feelings about the impact of the new administration.

“After being invited three times I finally joined *Pastoral Migratoria*, even though I wasn’t sure what it was. Little by little I got involved and learned more about myself, and at the same time I was also helping others. I remember when I came to this country I didn’t have any family here. . . I know the feeling of loneliness and isolation. *Pastoral Migratoria* became a family, not by blood, but of people with the same feelings, who can accompany and help each other in good times and bad times. God is the center of this ministry. When God isn’t in our lives we can lose ourselves in other things that aren’t important or get angry or into arguments. He is the One who motivates me, helps me, gives me strength, the One who gives me meaning.”

—**Rosalba**, *Pastoral Migratoria*, St. Gall

# Accompany

**6,000+** immigrants participated in “Peace Circles” in over **88** parishes where they were able to share their fears and challenges, and learn how to engage the immigrant community after the presidential election; **1,200** information materials distributed; **450** individual consultations with attorneys

**1,000** coats were collected by **15** native-born congregations, delivered to area detention centers

**80** people participated in a citizenship mentoring program at an immigration parish developed and guided by **16** *Pastoral Migratoria* leaders from the beginning to the end of the citizenship process (initial screening, tutoring for citizenship classes and naturalization exam, swearing in ceremonies, etc.); **30** people have become new citizens and were presented and blessed at parish Masses; **40** people are awaiting their final interview date

**12** different families received emotional and financial support organized by *Pastoral Migratoria* after a multi-unit house fire, including deposit and first month’s rent for new housing, clothing, household goods, etc.

**450** prayer books, and **2,500** magazines in English were collected by Polish parishes and donated to the Marytown Prison Ministry

**350** families received free health screenings and resources at health fairs at St. Mary Czestochowa and Maternity BVM School, in partnership with Access Community Health Network



# Social Ministry in Action

## A Dream Come True

by Evelyn

For years I dreamed of becoming a citizen, but it is very expensive and my English is not very strong. My prayers were answered when *Pastoral Migratoria* at St. Rita started citizenship classes for legal permanent residents like myself. Leaders supported me in every step. They explained the application process and tutored me for my citizenship classes and naturalization exam. After I passed and became a citizen, my pastor even blessed me at Mass in front of the parishioners. *Pastoral Migratoria* has changed my life forever. Throughout this long process, the students and leaders became family to me and they inspired me to join the *Pastoral Migratoria* so I can help others with their dreams!

## A Knock on the Door

by Catalina

I have helped many people in my years as a *Pastoral Migratoria* leader at St. Simon. I never could have predicted that one day I would be the one needing help. One morning ICE agents showed up looking for my two brothers. Thanks to the training I received about immigration raids from a *Pastoral Migratoria* workshop, I knew what to do. We didn't open the door until we contacted a lawyer and my ministry coordinator. My brothers were apprehended later that day when they left for work and are now facing deportation. *Pastoral Migratoria* mobilized their network of groups and have been accompanying my sisters-in law and their seven children with emotional support and food and clothing drives. It has been a devastating time and many tears have been shed, but because of *Pastoral Migratoria* my family is not alone!

“It is vital that the immigrant community knows there is support, that they aren't alone. . . right now many people are living in fear.”

—Cecilia, *Pastoral Migratoria*, St. Toribio



Pastoral Migratoria leaders from 25 immigrant churches joined in the annual Chicago May Day march with calls for justice, peace, and solidarity.

## A Homecoming

by Maria

My family and I came to the United States seeking asylum because we were victims of violence in Guatemala. However, upon arriving in the states, my sister, Anna, was detained and taken to the Eloy Detention Center in Arizona. When *Pastoral Migratoria* at Our Lady of Lourdes heard our story they supported my family spiritually and accompanied us during this very difficult time. Leaders took us to the clinic and gave us winter coats and boots to help us brave our first winter. They even went out of their way to take me to the supermarket so I could buy special ingredients to cook our Guatemalan food so my family could have a little bit of “home” here in Chicago. In June *Pastoral Migratoria* organized a collection at our church to help pay for my sister’s \$15,000 bail. Thanks to *Pastoral Migratoria* and the generous parishioners, \$ 1,300 was raised. In August Anna was finally released and we were able to see my sister. It was a beautiful homecoming for all of us!

“It’s necessary to have Pastoral Migratoria in my parish to accompany immigrants. God is always present because He is with us in our brothers and sisters, our neighbors, the stranger, in ALL of us .”

—Angelica, *Pastoral Migratoria*, Holy Sacrament



Left: Christian Family Movement leaders at Sacred Heart Parish in Patterson, California learning about *Pastoral Migratoria*. Right: *Pastoral Migratoria* staff and consultants meeting with representatives from the Consulate of Mexico in Sacramento, California.

## National Initiative Takes Flight

### Diocese of Stockton, California

In 2017, we began development of *Pastoral Migratoria* in five Hispanic parishes who will participate as the initial pilot sites. We conducted two visits to their communities with a team of two staff personnel and a consultant to learn about their life, work, and needs, as well as available resources from potential local collaborators such as Catholic Charities and the Consulate of Mexico. We have started sharing key resources on DACA, antifraud, paying income taxes, and other immigration issues. We are continuing recruitment and planning so we can launch the formation phase of our ministry in early 2018.

### Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri (and Other Dioceses)

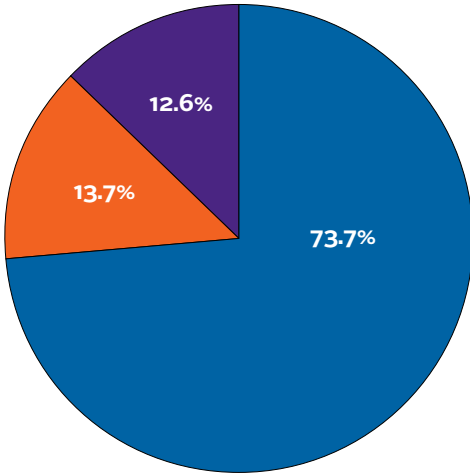
We started preliminary conversations and meetings with the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. They secured a part-time staff person dedicated to the *Pastoral Migratoria* mission whom we have started training and supporting. Dioceses in Michigan, Georgia, and Texas have also reached out to us about *Pastoral Migratoria*.

### Meetings & Conferences

We met with the USCCB offices of Justice, Peace & Human Development; Migration and Refugee Services; and Divine Worship to introduce our national initiative and formulate potential ways we can collaborate. *Pastoral Migratoria* was featured as an immigrant leadership model at the USCCB Convocation in Florida in which 85 dioceses participated, and at the Center for Migration Studies' annual conference in California.

# Financial Summary

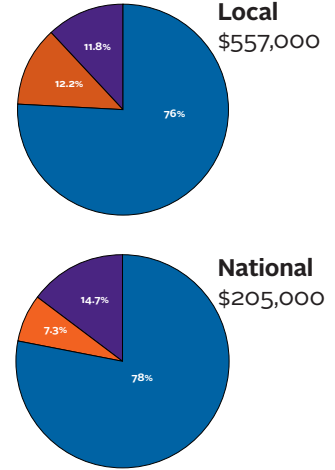
## Expenses 2017



**\$365,000**

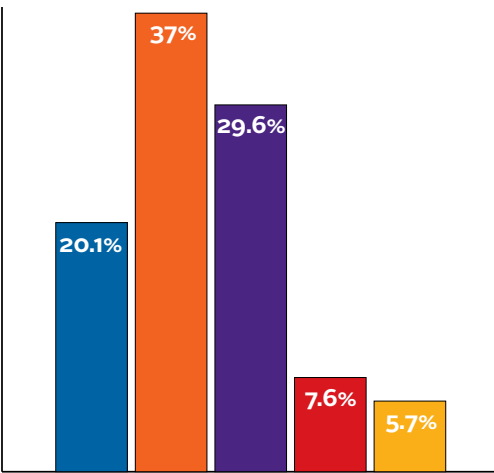
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## Expenses 2018\*



\* Projected

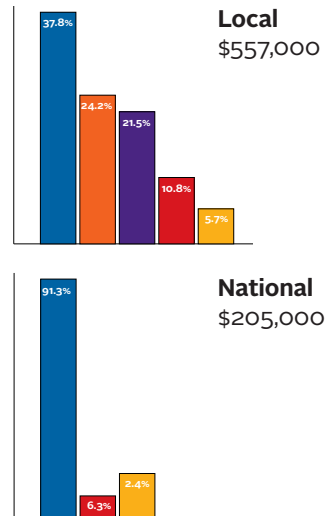
## Revenue 2017



**\$365,000**

■ Foundations & Religious Orders | ■ Archdiocese of Chicago | ■ Annual Benefit  
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## Revenue 2018\*



\* Projected

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Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Frankfurt IL  
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St. Clare of Montefalco, Chicago  
St. Clement Church, Chicago  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
St. Giles Parish, Oak Park  
St. James Parish, Arlington Heights  
St. James Parish, Highwood  
St. Jerome Church, Chicago  
St. Rita of Cascia Parish, Chicago  
St. Viator Church, Chicago  
Vicariate IV

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DePaul University  
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# Teams

## **Pastoral Migratoria Committee**

Enhances communications, encourages collaboration, and supports the overall mission of the ministry in parishes.

Rosalba Ascencio, St. Gall  
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Enrique Valdovinos, St. Viator

## **Polish Social Ministry Committee**

Enhances communications, encourages collaboration, and supports the overall mission of the ministry in Polish speaking parishes.

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Malgorzata Rzasa, Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission  
Ryszard Skrzeczyna, St. James  
Monika Szymanska, Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission

## **Immigration Parish Coordinator Committee**

Educates on the Gospel message of welcoming the stranger to native-born parishes through brochures, bulletin announcements, liturgical calendars, speakers, and immersion experiences.

Angie Brady, St. George, Tinley Park  
Jan Durham, St. Mary, Evanston  
Eileen Griffin, St. Mary of the Woods, Chicago  
Tony Graefe, St. Luke, Oak Park  
Virginia Grosh, Blessed Sacrament  
Cielo Medina, St. Damian  
Michael Warrell, St. Clement

## **Legal Committee**

Provides legal education and outreach to immigrants and native-born parishes through workshops, articles, and group discussions by attorneys specializing in immigration issues.

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Royal Berg, St. Peter's in the Loop  
Judge Tom Donnelly, Queen of Angels  
Sr. Bernadine Karge, OP, Dominican Sisters  
Olga Rojas, Office of Legal Services  
Caroline Shoenberger, Chicago Legal Clinic  
Susan Schreiber, CLINIC

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Supports planning and outreach for our annual benefit.

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Mark Goebel, OHDS—Immigration Ministry  
Virginia Grosh, Blessed Sacrament  
Monica Leiva, Holy Rosary  
Mary Lou, Matheke, St. Michael Parish, Orland Park  
Dan McGuire, Mary Seat of Wisdom  
Debbie Pellegrini, St. Christopher Parish, Midlothian  
Jenna Rummelhart, Parish Vitality & Mission  
Elena Segura, OHDS—Immigration Ministry  
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8th Day Center for Justice  
Access Community Health Network  
Adler School of Social Work  
Alivio Medical Center  
American Bar Association  
American Immigration Lawyers Association  
American Jewish Committee  
Anti-Defamation League  
ARISE Chicago  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
Catholic Conference of Illinois  
Catholic Lawyers Guild  
Catholic Legal Immigration Network  
Catholic Relief Services  
Catholic Theological Union  
Center for Migration Studies of New York  
Centro de Trabajadores Unidos  
Chicago Council on Global Affairs  
Chicago Federation of Labor  
Chicago Jobs with Justice  
Chicago Legal Clinic  
Chicago Religious Leadership Network  
Chicago School of Psychology  
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services  
Chicago Workers' Collaborative  
City Colleges of Chicago  
City of Chicago Office of New Americans  
Claretian Publications  
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Dominican University  
Eastern Illinois University  
Erie Family Health Center  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Hispanic Attorneys Association  
Illinois Business Immigration Coalition  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Illinois Department of Labor  
Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Secretary of State's Office  
Illinois Student Assistance Commission  
Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame  
Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants  
Interfaith Leadership Project  
Interfaith Worker Justice  
Instituto del Progreso Latino  
Jane Addams Resource Corporation  
Jewish Council on Urban Affairs  
Julia Center  
Justice for Immigrants—U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Latino Policy Forum  
Latino Union  
Legal Assistance Foundation  
Lewis University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine  
Maryville Academy  
Metropolitan Family Services  
National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities  
National Immigration Justice Center  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Northside Community Federal Credit Union  
Office of the Governor, Springfield, Illinois  
Polish American Association  
Polish Catholic League  
The Resurrection Project  
Roosevelt University  
Saint Augustine College  
Saint Joseph Seminary  
Saint Xavier University  
Sanford Brown College  
Scalabrini International Migration Network  
Southwest Organizing Project  
Taller San Jose  
Taxpol Mt. Prospect Corporation  
Triton College  
University of Illinois at Chicago

# Award Recipients

We are grateful for the work of leaders in our community who have dedicated their lives and service to the advancement of justice for immigrants and comprehensive immigration reform. In 2017 we honored:

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## Here I am Lord

Lord, I am here to thank you for my life.  
For calling me to be an instrument of  
accompaniment.

An instrument to make a difference  
wherever I am.

Lord, open my ears so I can listen in  
silence and, thus, be able to hear the  
needs of my sisters and brothers.

Lord give me the strength to never give  
up, even if darkness appears.

Perhaps it's only me to start, but you are  
with me.

Lord give me the wisdom to continue  
being an instrument that listens,  
gives hope, and accompanies.

Thank you Lord, because through service,  
you fill me with joy.

Lord, I am ready to go to the peripheries.  
Be my partner, my guide, my everything.

Amen.

By Consuelo E. Sandoval, *Pastoral Migratoria*,  
Our Lady of Lourdes